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SUBJECT: COUP TRIAL CONTINUES WITH NEW ALLEGATIONS OF  
U.S. FOREKNOWLEDGE

1. TRIAL OF APRIL 1967 COUP LEADERS ENTERED ITS TENTH DAY  
AUGUST 8. A NUMBER OF POLITICAL PERSONAGES OFFERED TESTIMONY  
YESTERDAY, AMONG THEM CENTER UNION DEPUTY GEORGE MYLONAS,  
PASOK DEPUTY IANNIS HARALAMBOPOULOS, AND EDA LEADER ELIAS  
ELIOU. SEVERAL MORNING NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 9 HIGHLIGHTED  
MYLONAS' TESTIMONY WITH SUGGESTION THAT U.S. HAD  
FOREKNOWLEDGE OF COUP.

2. WHILE MOST TESTIMONY OF POLITICAL PERSONAGES FUNDA-  
MENTALLY RECOUNTED THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES AT TIME OF COUP,  
TESTIMONY OF GEORGE MYLONAS INCLUDED STATEMENTS TENDING TO  
SUGGEST THAT U.S. LEADERS HAD KNOWN OF IMPENDING COUP AS  
EARLY AS FEBRUARY 1967. SPECIFICALLY, MYLONAS CLAIMED  
THAT DURING THAT MONTH A MEETING CONCERNING GREECE WAS  
HELD IN OFFICE OF WALTER ROSTOW AT WHICH "ALL TOP U.S.  
OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT." MYLONAS ALLEGED THAT ROSTOW STATED  
AT END OF MEETING, "GENTLEMEN, BY THESE CONCLUSIONS WHICH  
HAVE REACHED--OR RATHER--BY THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH WE  
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HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH, THE PATH OF EVENTS TOWARDS

ANOMALY IS, ALAS, INEVITABLE." PRESIDING JUDGE THEN ASKED MYLONAS WHETHER HIS REMARKS WERE RELEVANT TO THE TRIAL. MYLONAS REPLIED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION THAT PM PAPADOPOULOS HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN TRAINED BY THE "SECRET SERVICES" OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. MYLONAS THEN RECOUNTED ANOTHER INCIDENT. HE ALLEGED THAT FOUR DAYS AFTER THE COUP, HE VISITED A FEMALE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY (COMMENT: PROBABLY POL COUNSELOR BRACKEN) AND THAT SHE HAD GIVEN HIM THE IMPRESSION THAT HER STANCE TOWARDS THE COUP WAS A FRIENDLY ONE. SHE ALLEGEDLY STATED, "LET'S GIVE THEM A CHANCE."

4. MORNING NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 9 HIGHLIGHTED MYLONAS' TESTIMONY--AND THAT OF OTHER DEPUTIES--WITH FRONT PAGE STORIES. TO VIMA CARRIED SUB-HEADLINE, "THE AMERICANS WERE WAITING FOR THE COUP"; KATHIMERINI NOTED, " G. MYLONAS: PAPADOPOULOS WAS TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES." AKROPOLIS, IN A FLAGRANT EXAMPLE OF BAD JOURNALISM AND MISREPORTING, CARRIED HEADLINE, "FROM FEBRUARY 1967, KISSINGER WAS EXPECTING THE COUP." THAT HEADLINE PROBABLY CAME FROM CARELESS READING OF MYLONAS' TESTIMONY, IN THAT LATTER HAD SAID THAT WALTER ROSTOW HELD THE POSITION OF NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER-- A POSITION WHICH KISSINGER LATER HELD. AKROPOLIS OBVIOUSLY MISMATHCED DATES AND PERSONAGES.

5. COMMENT: THE OPPOSTION LEFT HAS MADE SERIES OF ATTEMPTS DURING COUP TRIAL--WITH INTERMITTENT SUCCESS-- TO ASSOCIATE IN READERS' MINDS U.S. WITH 1967 COUP. AKROPOLIS HEADLINE IS EXAMPLE OF THIS ATTEMPT TO SPOTLIGHT ALLEGED U.S. INVOLVEMENT. HOWEVER, SINCE ALL CHARGES ARE LONG ON GENERALIZATIONS AND SHORT ON SUBSTANTIATION, WE BELIEVE THESE HEADLINES AND FLABBY STORIES WHICH FOLLOW THEM WILL PROVE TO HAVE EPHEMERAL EFFECT ONLY.

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